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RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE
CAMPUS HIGH URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-129

WHEREAS, The Urban Renewal Plan for the Campus High School Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-129, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on July 9, 1970, and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston, on June 7, 1971, and requires the development of land in compliance with the regulations and controls of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of said Plan entitled "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1972, the Authority modified the Plan, deleting certain project activities; and

WHEREAS, certain of these activities have now become financially practicable, and therefore should be reinstated; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 30, Sections 61 and 62 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a change in planning goals, certain modifications to the Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority:

That the Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. That Map 1, of the Urban Renewal Plan; "Property Map", Map 2, of the Urban Renewal Plan; "Proposed Land Use", Map 3 of the Urban Renewal Plan; "Disposition Parcels", and Section 401 of Chapter IV of the Plan, "Property Acquired or to be Acquired", Chapter IV; "Land Use and Building Requirements", are hereby modified as shown on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to reflect the following modifications:
- A. The enlargement of Disposition Parcel 0-1 to include City block 95, Parcels 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 and Block 96A Parcels 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- B. The enlargement of Disposition Parcel 0-2 to include City Block 97, Parcels 9 and 10, as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- C. The inclusion of former Parcel R-13 into parcel O-1 as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

- D. That the permitted use of Disposition Parcels 0-1 and 0-2, be changed to allow the use of that parcel for parking, play area, and/or public park, thus amending Map 2 of the Plan, and Table A of Chapter VI of the Plan.
- E. That the Plan be changed to allow the construction of a partial pedestrian mall in John Eliot Square (Dudley Street and Roxbury Street) as shown on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 2. That the revisions and map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are hereby made a part of the Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan.
- 3. That these modifications are found to be minor modifications which do not substantially or materially alter or change the Urban Renewal Plan.
- 4. That all other provisions of said Plan no inconsistent herewith be and are continued in full force and effect.
- 5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment,
- 6. That the Authority be and hereby is authorized to proclaim the preceding minor modifications in accordance with HUD Regulations.



October 31, 1974

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL URBAN RENEWAL AREA PROJECT NO. MASS. R-129

At the time of the original approval of the Campus High Urban Renewal Plan by the Authority, the City and the State, certain project activities relating to the John Eliot Square were included as part of the overall Urban Renewal Plan. However, in 1972, when HUD was reviewing the application for Loan and Grant for final approval, HUD questioned whether all of the proposed project activities could be completed within the available HUD funding. Therefore, the Authority on June 15, 1972 adopted minor modifications of the Urban Renewal Plan which eliminated activities in the vicinity of John Eliot Square from the plan.

HUD approved the amended plan and provided a substantial contingency fund so that these project activities maybe later reinstated into the plan if, in time, the project funding turned out to adequate.

It is now been determined that the Campus High budget does contain ample funds to complete existing activities as well as to complete many of those activities originally approved by the Authority and the City, but later eliminated from the Plan due to the anticipated lack of funds. The Authority is thus requested to reinstate certain activities in the vicinity of John Eliot Square.

These proposed activities include the following:

1. Dillaway Thomas Park

- a. acquisition of fifteen additional parcels
- b. demolition of two structures
- c. relocation of two families
- d. construction of park-playground facilities
- e. closing right of way of Gay Street
- f. rehabilitation of the Dillaway Thomas House
- g. extension of disposition parcel 01 (Park)
- h. change in permitted uses for parcel R-13 to allow recreational reuse

2. John Eliot Square

a. Creation of partial pedestrian malls in John Eliot Square, Dudley Street and Roxbury Street in order to improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation and to physically inhance the area. The John Eliot Square District has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and will be a focus for Bi-Centenial activities in Roxbury. There is also substantial private residential and commercial investment occuring in this area. The Authority is requested to approve the proposed Plan modifications at this time so that development may proceed as soon as possible in order to coordinate these other activities.

The proposed modifications are minor and do not substantially or materially alter or change the Urban Renewal Plan as originally approved by the Authority and the City. These modifications may therefore be affected by a proclaimer resolution of the Authority.

An appropriate resolution is attached.